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FOR FLATIN EUR/CE PASS AMBASSADOR BUCHANAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. PRE-CREDENTIALS CALL ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 5:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

2. ACTUAL PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2. DRESS WILL BE MORNING COAT (JAQUETTE), TOP HAT AND GRAY GLOVES. NO SPEECH REQUIRED.

3. CEREMONY LASTS LESS THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES. AMBASSADOR MAY BRING THREE OFFICERS WITH HIM (RECOMMEND DCM, POLITICAL COUNSELOR, DAO). PRESIDENTIAL AIDE DR. KORAB WILL CALL FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS PARTY AT THE RESIDENCE AND DRIVE WITH HIM TO THE BALLHAUSPLATZ, STOPPING JUST SHORT OF THE BAND AND HONOR GUARD. THE AMBASSADOR THEN INSPECTS THE GUARD BY WALKING PAST IT WITHOUT STOPPING EXCEPT FOR A PAUSE AND SLIGHT BOW OPPOSITE THE AUSTRIAN FLAG.

4. DR. KORAB WILL THEN LEAD THE AMBASSADOR INSIDE THE BUILDING WHERE HE WILL BE REJOINED BY EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE STANDING IN THE RECEPTION ROOM FLANKED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS KABINETTSDIREKTOR. THE AMBASSADOR ENTERS THE ROOM, STEPS IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENT WITH HIS STAFF LINED UP BEHIND HIM, AND HANDS OVER HIS CREDENTIALS WITH THE APPROPRIATE WORDS. IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY TO MAKE A SPEECH. THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTS THE CREDENTIALS, HANDS THEM TO AN AIDE AND

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INTRODUCES THE AMBASSADOR TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE KABINET-

TSDIREKTOR. THE AMBASSADOR IN TURN INTRODUCES HIS STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT. AT THIS POINT PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER WILL LEAD THE GROUP TO NEARBY SOFAS FOR A FEW MINUTES TALK. IT WILL BE UP TO THE PRESIDENT TO END THE CONVERSATION.

5. A DETAILED SCENARIO INDICATING WHO DOES WHAT AND STANDS WHERE WILL BE AWAITING THE AMBASSADOR UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN VIENNA. ALTHOUGH MRS. BUCHANAN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER THE PRESIDENT'S BUILDING, SHE MAY ENJOY WATCHING OUTDOOR PART OF THE CEREMONY.
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